

Keep Boylston's Roads Pristine and Waters Clean

In the fall, rake your leaves away from the roads, sidewalks, and waterways. Consider composting them or using a mulching mower to create natural fertilizer for your lawn and garden. But whatever you do, don't dump them in a brook or storm drain, and don't leave them on the sidewalk! Leaves can clog the storm drain covers and cause flooding or freezing as temperatures drop. Rainwater also carries leaves off sidewalks and into nearby waterways, where the nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) from decomposing leaves can harm water quality and lower dissolved oxygen needed for fish and other aquatic life.



Clogged catch basins can cause flooded roads.